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## **WEEKLY SAINT PAUL FIRE & EMS BLOTTER**

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This feature we call "Fire & EMS Blotter" is a weekly update of the activities of the Saint Paul Fire Department. During the week of May 13 thru May 19, the Saint Paul Fire Department responded to 803 calls for service. Here is a **sampling** of some of the emergency and non-emergency activities from information provided by the fire department.

**FALL** - On May 14 at 2:25 p.m. in downtown St. Paul a 31 year old man fell from a ladder approximately 14 feet striking a vehicle roof. Paramedics treated and transported him to a nearby hospital.

**MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT** - On May 15 at 7:16 a.m. on I-94 and Prior Avenue North a 28 year old female was injured in a motor vehicle accident. Paramedics treated and transported her to a nearby hospital.

**ARSON** - On May 16 at 9:48 p.m. on the 400 block of Etna Street fire companies were called to a report of a vehicle fire. Upon arrival they found and extinguished a fire in an abandoned vehicle. Damage is estimated at \$5,000.



This Nissan Murano abandoned and set on fire.

• If you have information about ANY arson fire in Minnesota, please call the ARSON HOT LINE at 1-800-723-2020. Awards up to \$5000 are available and you can remain anonymous.

**MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT** - On May 16 at 4:30 p.m. in the Como Park neighborhood a 38 year old man was riding his motorcycle when he side swiped another car. He hit the curb and was ejected from his motorcycle. He was wearing a helmet. Paramedics treated and transported him to a nearby hospital.

**CARELESS SMOKING** - On May 18 at 10:43 p.m. on the 800 block of Sherburne Avenue fire companies were dispatched to a report of a dwelling fire. Upon arrival, they found a female victim out in front of the duplex dwelling suffering burns and smoke inhalation. She is an invalid and could not escape without calling her son upstairs to come down and help her. He rescued her from the chair and brought her outside. Paramedics treated and transported her to a nearby hospital. Fire companies attacked and extinguished the fire in the bottom unit of the duplex, which was uninhabitable. Damage is estimated at \$100,000.



Careless smoking caused \$100,000 to this home on Sherburne Avenue and seriously injured its resident.

41<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL EMS WEEK – The week of May 17-23 is this year's NATIONAL EMS WEEK, established in 1973 by President Gerald Ford, to celebrate EMS, its practitioners, and the important work they do responding to medical emergencies. The theme this year is *"EMS Strong."* 

A lot has changed over the last four decades. EMS is now firmly established as a key component of the medical care continuum, and the important role of EMS practitioners in saving lives from sudden cardiac arrest and trauma; in getting people to the hospitals best equipped to treat heart attacks and strokes; and in showing caring and compassion to their patients in their most difficult moments.

EMS Week is the perfect time to recognize EMS and all that its practitioners do for our nation.

